

December 14, 2022

Town of Golden Meadow  
107 Jervis Drive  
Golden Meadow, LA 70357

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Golden Meadow met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. at the Golden Meadow Town Hall, 107 Jervis Drive, Golden Meadow, LA 70357.

Those present were: Mayor Joey Bouziga  
Councilman Mike Billiot  
Councilman Jody Cheramie  
Councilman Laci Latiolais  
Councilman Kip Plaisance  
Councilman Willis Toups

Those absent were:

Others attending were: Tracee Cloutier, Wilbur Cloutier, Troy Dufrene, Jeray Jarreau and Rachel Robichaux.

Mayor Joey Bouziga called this meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Mayor Joey Bouziga instructed everyone to refrain from cell phone use until the meeting adjourns.

Councilman Willis Toups led everyone in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Jody Cheramie led everyone in prayer.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion as presented approving the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 5, 2022. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Willis Toups presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion as presented to amend the 2022 Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Town of Golden Meadow. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Councilman Laci Latolais presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion as presented to adopt the 2023 Budget of Revenues and Expenditures for the Town of Golden Meadow. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: **YEAS:** Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Kip Plaisance, Councilman Willis Touts, Councilman Laci Latiolais, Councilman Mike Billiot; **NAYS:** NONE; **ABSTAINED:** NONE; **ABSENT:** NONE.

Mayor Joey Bouziga stated there were no Building Permits or Occupational Licenses submitted for approval.

Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded the motion as presented to defer Town Engineer John Plaisance's project status report to the January 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Assistant Town Attorney Jeray Jarreau discussed the South Central Planning & Development Commission Management of Condemnation Process proposal. Attorney Jarreau recommends using SCPDC to help manage the Condemnation process of ten houses, where the cost will be approximately \$100,000.00. Councilman Laci Latolais presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion as presented to approve the Mayor entering a contract with SCPDC to manage the condemnation process. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: **YEAS:** Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Kip Plaisance, Councilman Willis Touts, Councilman Laci Latiolais, Councilman Mike Billiot; **NAYS:** NONE; **ABSTAINED:** NONE; **ABSENT:** NONE.

Assistant Town Attorney Jeray Jarreau asked to add Lebro Construction Inc. vs. Town of Golden Meadow to the agenda. Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Jody Cheramie seconded the motion as presented to add Lebro Construction Inc. vs. Town of Golden Meadow to the agenda. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Assistant Town Attorney Jeray Jarreau asked if she can file a motion to have the Lebro Construction Inc. vs. Town of Golden Meadow suit, filed in the 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District in 2006, dismissed with prejudice in its entirety, because the last action by the Attorney of Record for the Petitioners was 2016. The law states that whenever you don't take any steps towards the prosecution of an action for a period of 3 years, that the action is abandoned as a matter of law, and you can file a motion to have it dismissed with prejudice in its entirety. Mayor Joey Bouziga signed an affidavit stating that we have not had any depositions or discoveries since 2016. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and

Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion as presented to authorize Attorney Jarreau to petition the court to abandon the Lebro Construction Inc. vs. Town of Golden Meadow lawsuit. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: **YEAS:** Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Kip Plaisance, Councilman Willis Toups, Councilman Laci Latiolais, Councilman Mike Billiot; **NAYS:** NONE; **ABSTAINED:** NONE; **ABSENT:** NONE.

Chief Troy Dufrene had no police business to discuss.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that we received the structural analysis for 1504 South Bayou Drive and it failed inspection. Councilman Mike Billiot presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion to move forward with the condemnation process. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that we only received 1 fence bid for the John Parker Fence Permit for \$57,000.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that homeowner Florinda Verdin was a given new deadline of 1/2/2023 for 132 Doucet Dr.

Chief Troy Dufrene advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council that some people have cut their grass and he will let Town Clerk Tracee Cloutier know who so we can make a new list.

Councilman Willis Toups advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council that the closing for the sale of Gage Gisclair's house to his neighbor is scheduled for Monday, December 19.

Chief Troy Dufrene advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council that Huey Cressionie is supposed to pick up his letter at the Town Hall and we now have a good address and phone number for him. Chief Dufrene will give the address to Clerk Tracee Cloutier so we can serve him papers through the Sheriff's office.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that we do not have any new information on the speed bump project for Cheramie Ln., Washington St., and Dursette St.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that Jazlyn Geneve Lafont has paid for the permit and variance from GIS Engineering, for the building built at 2213 North Bayou Drive and the variance hearing will be January 17<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Bouziga asked Attorney Jeray Jarreau

to check with Town Attorney Bryce Autin to see if a letter was issued to Jazlyn Geneve Lafont for being in violation.

Councilman Laci Latiolais advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council that the Senior Citizen Building is complete and she believes the handicap ramp is almost complete there. Laci is hoping to have the Community Cleanup Day on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that the letter sent for Scott A. St. Pierre at 104 Theriot St. to request grass cutting and yard clean-up was returned.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that Sheila Picou and Others' property at 104 Pierce St. is moving forward and starting to be cleaned up, but we should still move forward with the letters and condemnation hearing set for 1/17/2023.

Mayor Joey Bouziga advised the Council that Samuel and Allison Rankin's property at 162 Washington St. failed inspection and there's a condemnation hearing set for 1/17/2023.

Mayor Joey Bouziga asked the Council to allow SCPDC to write all IJA grant applications on behalf of the Town of Golden Meadow. Councilman Jody Cheramie presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion to allow SCPDC to write all IJA grant applications on behalf of the Town of Golden Meadow. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented. Voting took place as follows: **YEAS:** Councilman Jody Cheramie, Councilman Kip Plaisance, Councilman Willis Toups, Councilman Laci Latiolais, Councilman Mike Billiot; **NAYS:** NONE; **ABSTAINED:** NONE; **ABSENT:** NONE.

Mayor Joey Bouziga asked if there was any other business that needed to be brought up to the Council.

Councilman Laci Latiolais asked if we should move forward with the condemnation of the Rankin house or if we should let SCPDC handle it when they start condemning houses. Town Attorney Jeray Jarreau suggested that the Council come up with a list of houses and we can devise a list of houses already going through the condemnation process.

Councilman Jody Cheramie advised Mayor Joey Bouziga and the Council that the River Birch truck will be here mid next week to pick up the small trash piles.

There were no audience comments.

With no further business to discuss, Councilman Laci Latiolais presented a motion and Councilman Kip Plaisance seconded the motion as presented adjourning this meeting at 7:31 P.M. The Council unanimously approved the motion as presented.

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**MAYOR JOEY BOUZIGA**

**ATTESTED:**

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**RACHEL ROBICHAUX  
ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK**